



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

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To: Nonprofit Organizations

From: Terry Edelstein, Nonprofit Liaison to Governor Malloy

Re: **Information about the Nonprofit Liaison Position & Our Mutual Work Together**

STORM RELIEF - UPDATED

Hopefully your organizations have had power restored in all your settings and you weathered Hurricane Sandy successfully. For those organizations that experienced the brunt of the storm, best wishes for a speedy recovery process.

As you know, President Obama has authorized the four shoreline counties for FEMA relief. Governor Malloy is pressing for the entire state to be eligible for FEMA.

I was updated by the state's Dept of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security today on FEMA provisions for nonprofit organizations.

- At present, nonprofit organizations should work through their municipalities to inform them about damage that their property has experienced.
- The four southern counties have been authorized funding for debris removal and emergency protection that will be coordinated through the towns.
- The state is seeking an expansion of provisions for FEMA eligibility for "permanent work" in these four counties that will include funding for "public assistance" such as services provided by certain nonprofit organizations.
- The state is doing a data collection and damage assessment in the northern counties to assist in applying for FEMA funding for these counties.
- FEMA will hold applicant briefings to assist would-be applicants in the process.
- See FEMA Public Assistance Guide 322 for more specific information about eligibility of nonprofit organizations and the process:
<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/pa/paguide07.pdf>

I will send out additional information relating to nonprofit organizations once it becomes available.

Governor Malloy's 10/30/12 media release:

<http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?Q=513170&A=4010>

Governor Malloy's 10/31/12 media release with link to FEMA application process:

<http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?A=4010&Q=513238>

GOVERNOR'S NONPROFIT LIAISON POSITION

I'm pleased to be writing to you in my new role as Governor Malloy's Nonprofit Liaison. I started work at the Capitol on October 5.

The Governor created this Cabinet-level position of Nonprofit Liaison as a state advocate for nonprofit community providers. According to the Governor, "nonprofit community-based providers in Connecticut provide vital services to so many residents and are an important partner in supporting the state's safety net. By engaging the nonprofit community in a concerted, strategic way, we can ensure that services are maximized while costs are minimized."

<http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?A=4010&Q=509956>

The Governor reiterated his commitment to strengthening the safety net and becoming a better partner to community-based nonprofit organizations in the future, particularly once the state budget is back on course.

My position provides an important linkage between community providers and the Executive Branch and reflects a strong message from the Administration of its ongoing commitment to nonprofit health and human services organizations.

I come to this position after thirty years heading the Community Providers Association (CCPA), a statewide association advocating for community-based organizations providing services and supports for people with disabilities and significant challenges. I have seen the value of associations and in my new job want to support the role of associations in recommending public policy initiatives.

MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

I look forward to meeting with your organizations and associations in the coming months. Please invite me to tour your facilities so that I can learn more about the services that your organizations provide. Invite me to your meetings. Ask me to join you for informal conversations. You will help to shape my agenda going forward.

JOIN THE PROVIDER DATABASE AND CHECK THE NONPROFIT LIAISON WEBSITE

Ideally you will have received this broadcast from multiple sources. I have asked for the assistance of the state agency commissioners, contract managers and the CEOs of a number of trade associations to assist me in distributing this message.

Email Meg Riding to be included directly on the provider database that we are creating.
Meg.Riding@ct.gov

And check the NONPROFIT LIAISON website. The site will be migrating from the OPM website to the Governor's site. I plan to post information on this site for your rapid access to information. Current website link: <http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2998&q=472514>

CURRENT INITIATIVES

In this new job, I have the unique opportunity to shape my own job description. My stated goal from the start has been to focus on health and human services issues. I follow former State Representative Deb Heinrich and Alyssa Goduti, VP at CHR in the position and welcome the ability to build on the work that they put into motion and to forge new strategic initiatives. In doing so, I plan to rely on the advice of nonprofit advocacy groups and provider organizations. Working with trade associations will be a key toward gaining consensus on the work to be done.

Initiatives underway include:

- Considering the recommendations of the Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services that were submitted to Governor Malloy October 1

This report recommends that the state adopt "Principles to Guide the State/Private Nonprofit Provider Partnership" and focus on developing "cross agency population measures," modifying the procurement and reporting and data processes and addressing the sustainability of nonprofit providers.

- [Report to the Governor - October 1, 2012](#)
- [Cover Letter for October 1, 2012 Report](#)
- Building on the work of a legislatively authorized Deemed Status Workgroup that is considering ways in which national accreditation might be used in lieu of licensure or portions of licensure while continuing to assure the health and safety of the individuals served and considering options for uniform state licensing
- Consideration of soon to be released recommendations for state contracting efficiencies as authorized by OPM Secretary Barnes

- Working with the Governor's policy team on recommendations that will have an impact on nonprofit health and human services providers during the coming year including the legislative session that starts in January
- Working with OPM Secretary Barnes and the state budget office on budget matters that affect nonprofit community-based organizations
- Serving on the Lieutenant Governor's Health Care Cabinet representing nonprofit organizations

OPM POSTS STATE BUDGET OPTION AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

OPM Secretary Ben Barnes has posted state agency budget options and legislative proposals on the OPM website. These will provide a snapshot for you on ways in which the state agencies are proposing to address budget directives to reduce spending in FY14/15. The OPM budget division is discussing these requests with the state agencies and the Secretary will make recommendations to Governor Malloy for consideration as the Governor crafts his final budget plan.

Similarly, OPM will review the legislative proposals and make recommendations to the Governor.

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2961&Q=512714&PM=1>

RECEIVE STATE PROCUREMENT POSTS DIRECTLY

Sign up to receive daily procurement broadcasts from the Department of Administrative Services: <http://www.das.state.ct.us/cr1.aspx?page=12>

See the October 4 posting for the Nonprofit Incentive Grant program.

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RECENT NEWS FEATURING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Send articles featuring your organizations to me. Here is a recent post: "CT Nonprofits Upbeat Despite Decreased Funding, Increased Demand" posted by Hartford Business 10/15/12.

<http://www.hartfordbusiness.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20121015/PRINTEDITION/310129987/0/frontpage>

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